

The Times' Daily Short Story.

SIMMONS' LOVE STORY

(Original.)

"Simmons, tell us a story."

"What kind of a story?"

"A love story," put in one of the party, with a grin, while the others guffawed.

"I'll tell you a love story if you like," said Simmons soberly. The others looked at each other as if wondering what kind of a love story the unromantic Simmons would concoct. Then they all agreed they would like to hear it. This was the story:

"Ten years ago," began Simmons—"I was a boy, and I was in the eighth grade—being out of a job, I was moving into Arizona. I was riding alone across the rolling country, feeling kind of desolate like, for I hadn't no relatives except my back in Indiana, and the circumspicion wasn't calculated to alleviate no such feelings, there bein' no shrubbery but cactus, which is no more affectionate than a porcupine. Shortly before sundown I was movin' parallel with a rise in the ground on my left toward the west when some one on t'other side of it I heard the crack of a rifle, followed by three more cracks comin' from a some'at different direction.

"I was in the Apache country, and this set me to thinkin'. If there was a disturbance I didn't want to get into it on the wrong side. Apaches haint got no gratitude, and I preferred to cast my fortunes on t'other side. I jist dismounted and climbed the rise and when at the summit takes a peep through the cactus without bein' seen. Right down below was two wagons, with the stock and a family of whites behind 'em, backed by the rise I was on, while further out was a small band of redskins—twenty or more, I reckon—crawlin' up on to 'em, firin' as they crawled.

"I goes down to my horse, unslinging two rifles, includin' all the ammunition I had—there was plenty of it—and goes back to the crest. The Indians haint scattered—deployed, as the sojers say—into a thin line curved like a bow so's to take the whites both center and on either flank."

"Simmons," interrupted one of the listeners, "do you call this a love story? I call it a fightin' yarn."

"The whites," continued Simmons imperturbably, "was pretty much flustered, for they never could tackle the Indians comin' from such different points. There was a middle aged man and a woman about the same age, and two young fellows about twenty and eighteen, a kid, a boy of twelve, and a gal. Every one of the half dozen of 'em had rifles in their hands, includin' the kid. The old man was tellin' 'em not to fire till the Indians got closer—I could hear every word he said—not to aim at the same savage and never to fire without bringin' down a man. He'd posted the gal on one extreme flank and the kid on the other, where

there wasn't but one or two Indians for each to watch. The Apaches wasn't firin' jist then; they was doin' some'y'a more turreble; they was a creepin', contractin' the line as they came. When they got nigh the old man fired and dropped a redskin. At this all the others fired, doin' damage, except the gal and the kid. Jist then the front line moved forward and the two flank Indians closed in rapid. It seemed to me time for the reserve to come in, so I dropped the flank Injun goin' for the gal, then turned to the one before the kid, which I sent back with a lump.

"Well, now, you'd oughter seen the way them Injuns picked up their ears and craned their necks to see where the shootin' came from. I knowed the smoke hung over where I was, for we hadn't no smokeless powder then, so I moved purty quick a dozen yards to the right and let fly again, but I didn't hurry, so I might bring down an Injun every time. The family below was equal astonished, but not a one of 'em dared take th'ir eyes off'n the redskins to see what was up. I keeps movin' about behind the cactus, firin' as rapid as I could convenient, givin' the appearance of a line fifty yards from tip to tip. In less'n ten minutes I'd dropped five Injuns, and the family, havin' taken heart, dropped as many more. I counted ten left. Them ten drawed off onto range and held a powwow, lookin' up at the crest where I lay in the cactus, not wastin' no ammunition, therefore givin' no sign. After awhile, likely concludin' there warn't much force on the crest, they advanced ag'in, usin' their ponies for protection till they come within 200 yards, then made a dash for the wagons.

"Of course I couldn't tell which brought down the most of 'em, the family or me. All I knowed was that four of 'em dropped, remainin'—remarkable quiet; two of 'em dragged themselves away; the other three put 'em on their ponies and galloped away."

"The story teller ceased to speak, having apparently reached the end of his story.

"Well," said a listener, "didn't the family show no gratitude nor nothin'?"

"Didn't have no time. We was afraid of more Apaches and lit right out."

"But where does the love part come in?"

Simmons was evidently embarrassed. He took out a plug of tobacco and bit off a big piece.

"I tol' you it was to be a love story, didn't I?"

"Sure."

"Well, there warn't no time for love neither."

Simmons seemed restive under the laugh that followed, and one of his listeners, to help him out, asked a leading question:

"Did you travel with 'em long, Simmons?"

"Been travelin' with 'em ever since and been keepin' house with one on 'em—the gal." F. A. MITCHEL.



Miss Agnes Miller, of Chicago, speaks to young women about dangers of the Menstrual Period.

"TO YOUNG WOMEN:—I suffered for six years with dysmenorrhea (painful periods), so much so that I dreaded every month, as I knew it meant three or four days of intense pain. The doctor said this was due to an inflamed condition of the uterine appendages caused by repeated and neglected colds.

"If young girls only realized how dangerous it is to take cold at this critical time, much suffering would be spared them. Thank God for Lydia E. Pinkham's Vegetable Compound, that was the only medicine which helped me any. Within three weeks after I started to take it, I noticed a marked improvement in my general health, and at the time of my next monthly period, the pain had diminished considerably. I kept up the treatment, and was cured a month later. I am like another person since. I am in perfect health, my eyes are brighter, I have added 12 pounds to my weight, my color is good, and I feel light and happy."—Miss Agnes Miller, 25 Potomac Ave., Chicago, Ill. — \$5000 for best of above letter proving genuine.

The monthly sickness reflects the condition of a woman's health. Anything unusual at that time should have prompt and proper attention.

LaFOLLETTE AND WISCONSIN.

A Governor Who Is Really the Head of His State.

Lincoln Steffens's story of the state of Wisconsin in the October McClure is the story of Governor LaFollette. Here is a governor who is really the head of his state. Through him the people have beaten the corrupt system and restored representative government. But it has been a long and bitter struggle, and today perhaps it is at its fiercest point.

Mr. Steffens gives an excellent sketch of LaFollette and "LaFolletteism," the men and issues of the hour in Wisconsin. In this state he finds that for years the corrupt system of the corporations controlled its federal, state and municipal governments for the benefit of special interest opposed to public interest. In spite of the system, opposed by the Republican party machine at every step, Robert LaFollette became state's attorney, congressman and governor. He has constantly fought the "organization," the system, and by making his appeal direct to the people he has won.

Yet LaFollette's victory has been far from complete. His opponents have been able to prevent the enactment of the reform legislation he has championed. His efforts to secure the passage of a primary election law, equality of taxation and railway rates have failed, although his party has an overwhelming majority in the legislature. The special interests have been able to block every important reform move the governor has made, and now seek his final defeat by splitting his party and aiding the Democrats.

Admitting for the sake of argument that there may be flaws in LaFollette's administrative record, even in the man himself, Mr. Steffens points out the essential fact that the fight in Wisconsin is for self-government, not "good" government; it is a fight to establish a government representative of all the people. "Given that; remove from control the big business and bad politics that corrupt all branches of the government, and 'good' government will come easily enough. But big business and bad politics are hard to beat."

Thus the fundamental issue in Wisconsin, as elsewhere, lies deep. But Mr. Steffens says that the people of Wisconsin, educated by their long war, are politically intelligent, "as intelligent as the citizenship of Illinois," and he believes they are to be trusted. And here is the vital point in the whole discussion of Wisconsin; for, no matter how men may differ about Governor LaFollette otherwise, his long hard fight has developed citizenship in the state—honest, reasonable, intelligent citizenship. And that is better than "business"; that is what business and government are for—"men."

ALLEGED DEFAULTER ARRESTED.

Alvin Fink of White River Junction Captured in Lowell, Mass.

White River Junction, Sept. 22.—Alvin Fink, the alleged defaulting manager of Lynch & Jenks' restaurant and bakery, was arrested at Lowell, Mass., yesterday. He had his wife and child with him. Officer MacAuley went after the prisoner.

It is estimated that there are at least 250 auto cars in the state and the number is fast increasing.

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PROBING THE CATASTROPHE

State Investigation Into the Melrose Street Car Disaster.

NINE OF THE DEAD IDENTIFIED

Many of the Injured Are in a Critical Condition and May Not Recover. Man Who Dropped Dynamite Held For Manslaughter.

Melrose, Mass., Sept. 23.—The authorities of the state and city of Melrose have started an inquiry into the explosion on the Boston and Northern Street railway here when an electric car bound from Boston to this city was blown up by dynamite and nine persons killed and forty injured. Of the injured several were in a critical condition and may die. A complete list of the dead so far positively identified is as follows:

Dr. Malcolm E. McClellan, Melrose Highlands; E. B. Haynes and wife and Marion, their four-year-old daughter, Melrose; Mrs. Ada Crouch, Stoneham; Miss Ethel Merrill, Melrose Highlands; Dr. Fred D. Marshall, Danvers; E. A. Stowe, South Boston; Winfield Rowe, Saugus, motorman of the car.

Of the injured at the hospitals here those whose condition was the most serious were: Mrs. John Conway of Melrose, who has a compound fracture of one ankle and a bad scalp wound and whose left foot was amputated at the Sunnyside hospital; Miss Annie Flaherty of Malden, who has a compound fracture of both ankles; J. D. Patten of Melrose Highlands, whose legs were broken, and Edward A. Waterhouse of this city, who was severely cut and bruised, one of his legs being so seriously injured that amputation was necessary.

All these are in a critical condition. Many others are still at the Melrose hospital receiving treatment for minor injuries. Including severe bruises of face and body, dislocated limbs and burns. The patients at the Sunnyside hospital include, besides Mrs. Conway and Miss Flaherty, Henry C. Perry, a veterinary surgeon of Wakefield, who has a compound fracture of both legs, and Rachael Schenck of Boston, who was badly bruised and shocked.

The more seriously injured are almost completely deaf as a result of the concussion when the car struck the dynamite, although physicians think it probable that in the majority of cases hearing will return.

The state investigation was instituted by General J. J. Whelan, H. Whitney of the state police, who arrived to make a careful inquiry into the disaster. Roy Fenton, the express driver detained by the police in connection with the dynamite explosion in Melrose, has been held on a charge of manslaughter under \$1,000 for a hearing on Oct. 4.

EXPLOSION KILLS FIVE.

Lightning Strikes Oil Tank in Texas With Disastrous Results.

Dallas, Tex., Sept. 23.—One of the worst accidents recorded in the history of the Beaumont oil district occurred at Port Arthur. A thunderstorm suddenly broke over the city, accompanied by blinding flashes of lightning. A force of men were at work on the roof of one of the tanks of the Texas company, which is a property of the Standard Oil company.

Six of the men took shelter back of the side walls extending above the roof. A bolt of lightning struck the roof, causing an oil explosion which killed five of the men and fatally injured the other.

The oil tank that was struck by lightning and exploded contained 50,000 barrels of oil. The tank and oil were destroyed. The property loss will approximate \$100,000.

Campaign Opened in West Virginia.

Wheeling, W. Va., Sept. 23.—The Democratic campaign in West Virginia was opened here by Hon. Henry Gasaway Davis, the vice presidential candidate. Mr. Davis is accompanied by Hon. Charles A. Towne of New York, Hon. John T. McGraw and Hon. William P. Campbell, who are leaders of the West Virginia Democracy, and other prominent Democrats of the state.

American Girl Marries Count.

Philadelphia, Sept. 23.—The marriage of Miss Ruth Snyder of this city to Count Camille de Bourcgrave d'Altem of Brussels, Belgium, was solemnized at St. Patrick's Roman Catholic church. The Rev. Dr. Klerman, rector of the parish, performed the marriage ceremony. The Belgian minister, Baron Mancheur, attended the bridegroom.

Continental Party Names Ticket.

Chicago, Sept. 23.—The executive committee of the Continental party has endorsed the following national ticket: President, Austin Holcomb, Atlanta, Ga.; vice president, A. King Percy, Mo. The party some time ago nominated for president a brother of General O. O. Howard, but he declined to run, and the executive committee was charged with the duty of finding a substitute.

Frost Ruins Tobacco Crop.

Lancaster, Pa., Sept. 23.—Heavy frost is reported from all sections of Lancaster county, the thermometer dropping in some sections to 32 degrees. A large quantity of tobacco which was still uncut is ruined and the loss will run into many thousands of dollars.

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We have evidence of its work to show which will interest any sufferer. Call and investigate same. Since we have been handling the remedy—known as D. D. D.—its work proves so effective we guarantee its efficacy. In all cases of skin affection we will refund the price of a bottle (\$1) if the sufferer does not consider it literally a Godsend after trying. It is curing the worst kind of cases every day. It seems a pity any one should suffer the torture of skin troubles when so dependable a curative agent can be had so cheaply.

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IF YOU WISH TO SELL YOUR FARM

write or call and tell us about it. We are having more inquiries this fall from prospective customers than at any time since we have been in business, and you will make no mistake if you consult us.

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269B	Buildings & 160 acres, Warren, keep 12 or 15 cows and team,	\$ 800
168C	" 100 " Moretown, good soil for grass,	800
169M	" 100 " W. Fairlee, good corn land,	800
378K	" 195 " Brookfield, keeps 10 cows and team,	800
394G	" 20 " E. Montpelier " " " "	850
172N	" 85 " Roxbury will keep 8 " " " "	1,000
260O	" 100 " Roxbury, " 10 " " " "	1,250
338L	" 300 " Andover, " 20 " " " "	1,200
346O	" 100 " Berlin, " 10 " " " "	1,250
139Me	" 185 " So. Wheelock, very good farm,	1,400
187P	" 82 " near Montpelier, keeps 10 cows & team,	1,300
348B	" 110 " Stannard, " 12 " " "	1,500
173L	" 100 " Berlin, " 10 " " " "	1,500
210G	" 130 " Berlin, keep 10 cows & team, very good buildings,	1,600
199E	" 145 " Worcester " 15 " " "	1,600
290C	" 40 " in Montpelier, good for market gardening, keep 5 cows & team; city school dist.	1,600
340M	" 200 " So. Fayston, large amount of wood,	1,800
299P	" 245 " Eden Mills, keeps 15 cows, plenty wood,	1,800
118C	" 160 " Moretown, " 10 " and team,	1,900
413N	" 150 " E. Montpelier " 12 " " "	2,000
373B	" 100 " Cabot, very good buildings,	2,000
350H	" 200 " keep 20 cows & team, large amt. timber,	2,100
265T	" 186 " E. Montpelier, keep 20 cows & team,	2,100
267H	" 150 " Berlin, keeps 20 cows and team,	2,400
333A	" 46 " near Montpelier, keep 8 cows, very good buildings,	2,500
398W	" 150 " Roxbury, keep 12 cows & team, large amount timber,	2,500
283P	" 120 " Johnson, keep 15 cows and team,	2,600
349H	" 110 " E. Montpelier, keep 20 cows,	3,000
427G	" 65 " fruit farm near city, keep 7 cows & team	3,000
364H	" 355 " Waterbury, keep 40 cows and team, including stock and tools,	4,000
304E	" 240 " Worcester, keep 40 cows and team,	4,500
404A	" 215 " Waterbury, " 35 " " "	4,500
355L	" 100 " near Montpelier Junct. winter 25 head; valuable water privilege	4,500
414H	" 187 " Montpelier, keep 15 cows and team, city school dist., very good buildings,	5,500
261H	" 350 " Moretown, keep 26 cows and 4 horses	5,500
429B	" 150 " Montpelier, good buildings, new barn cost \$2,700, city school district,	6,000
298B	" 145 " Montpelier, city school dist; keep 20 cows and team,	6,000
294H	" 250 " Northfield, keep 30 cows and team, large amt. timber, near mill, valuable building lots,	6,000
380A	" 165 " 1/4 mile from Waterbury P. O., keep 30 head, large amt. timber near mill, stock and tools included,	6,000
419L	" 169 " one of the best farms in E. Montpelier, keep 40 cows and 3 horses,	7,000
102P	" 335 " Northfield, keep 50 cows & team, on level road 6 1/2 miles from Montpelier, 100 acres nice, heavy timber, excellent buildings,	10,000
365H	" 400 " in Loudgrove, Bennington Co., with 45 head stock and tools,	10,000
T	" 320 " " " " "	10,000

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OF MASONIC INTEREST.

Meeting of District Deputies—Vermonters Raised to 33rd Degree.

Burlington, Sept. 23.—Notices have been issued by Grand Lecturer H. L. Hallou of Chester of the grand jurisdiction of the Grand Masonic Lodge of Vermont, to the district deputies and grand and past grand officers to be present at the 16th annual meeting of the district deputies to be held at Masonic Temple, this city, on Tuesday, Oct. 11, at 10 o'clock.

At the 92nd council meeting of the Supreme Council, 33d degree Scottish Rite Masons, held in Boston Tuesday, George O. Tyler of this city was elected grand captain of the guard for the coming year. Thirty-five candidates received the two degrees which elevated them to the supreme council of 33rd degree Masons, among them being Dr. O. W. Daley of White River Junction, Walter E. Ranger of Montpelier and George F. Flanders of White River Junction.

AUTO PARADE.

Eleven Burlington Autoists Participate—To Be Made Annual Affair.

Burlington, Sept. 23.—An automobile parade, the first ever held in Burlington, came off yesterday, a run of 10 miles being made about the city and suburbs. There are about 35 machines owned by Burlingtonians and eleven of these participated in the parade. Dr. D. C. Hawley as president of the newly organized automobile club, headed the procession and he was followed by the secretary, E. A. Brodie, and the other nine cars along the line. The parade was hastily gotten up and the weather somewhat raw, consequently the number coming out was not so large. It is the beginning, it is hoped, of future events when more autoists will be interested.

Lady Curzon Indisposed.

London, Sept. 22.—Lady Curzon of Kedleston, formerly Miss Leiter of Washington and Chicago, wife of the viceroy of India, is indisposed, but Lord Curzon's secretary telegraphs that "Lady Curzon's illness gives no immediate cause for anxiety."

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